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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is a response to the Official Action dated August 13, 2002.

The Examiner indicated that the reply of June 20, 2002, was not fully responsive to the prior Official Action because the rejection in view of JP 58004248 had not been discussed. Applicant disagrees. The rejection in view of JP '248 was a rejection of claim 1 based on 35 USC §102(b). Applicant amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2 as indicated at the end of the fourth paragraph on page 3 of applicant's June 20 response. As a result, the rejection in view of JP '248 was moot.

Nevertheless, Applicant will comment on JP '248 by stating that claim 1 is neither anticipated nor obvious in view of JP '248. Claim 1 requires hot-melt resin which is non-continuous and pressure-sensitive adhesive which is also non-continuous such that there are "openings" above or below the open spaces of the fabric, and further such that the total volume of the hot-melt resin and the pressure-sensitive adhesive is less than the volume of the open spaces of the fabric.

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JP '248 at page 2, lower right column translation at page 5, lines 11 - 17) indicates be a polyethylene resin layer having a thickness that the adhesive layer is continuous the open spaces of the fabric. The resin layer 10 which means that the remater porous sheet as a continuous layer. The observing Fig. 3.

Thus, claim 1 is not anticipated by disclose having openings above or below does not point to or provide motivation is sensitive adhesive, particularly so that the less than the volume of open spaces of the law of the above, it is submit withdrawal of the Action dated August an early date is solicited.

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Received from < 6123329081 > at 9602 1:49:30 PM [Eastern Daylight Time] JP '248 at page 2, lower right column, line 15 thru page 3, upper column, line 4 (in the translation at page 5, lines 11 - 17) indicates that the thermal plastic synthetic resin layer 11 may be a polyethylene resin layer having a thickness of 40-70 micrometer thickness and that when clamped, a portion of the resin layer 10 penetrates the porous sheet 9 to reach the metal band. That is, the adhesive layer is continuous and very thick such that when clamped it cannot fill into the open spaces of the fabric. The resin layer 10 penetrates the porous sheet with a portion of the resin layer 10 which means that the remainder of the resin layer stays on the original side of the porous sheet as a continuous layer. The fact of continuous layers 10-11 is supported also by

Thus, claim 1 is not anticipated by JP '248 at least for the reasons that JP '248 does not disclose having openings above or below the open spaces of the fabric. Furthermore, JP '248 does not point to or provide motivation for non-continuous hot-melt resin or pressure and sensitive adhesive, particularly so that the hot-melt resin and the pressure-sensitive adhesive is less than the volume of open spaces of the fabric.

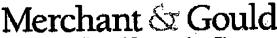
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the Action dated August 13, 2002, is requested. Allowance of claims 1 and 3-9 at

Respectfully Submitted.

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